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In re the Application of: **Satoshi ASANO et al.** Group Art Unit: **1742**

Application Number: **10/681,319** Examiner: **Kathleen A. McNelis**

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For: **PROCESS FOR SEPARATION/RECOVERY OF PLATINUM GROUP METALS**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 5, 2006

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005 for one (1) month from March 2, 2006 to April 12, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of $120.00 for the cost of the extension. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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